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I. General

The San Diego County Operational Area developed a Terrorist Incident Emergency Response Protocol which is intended for use by law enforcement and other first responder agencies. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) maintains this Protocol which is classified as “For Official Use Only.”

The Terrorism Protocol describes the countywide collective initial actions that will be taken to prevent or mitigate the effects of a threatened or actual terrorist attack against any jurisdiction within the county. It does not replace the County’s or any jurisdiction’s emergency plans or procedures; rather, it augments existing documents to assist in coordinating the initial planning and response efforts.

The Protocol defines the command and control structures for responding to specific types of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attacks, provides the actions needed to respond to all phases of a terrorist attack, and identifies the critical response tasks and implementation steps necessary to mitigate an attack. The Protocol includes two appendices, Terrorism Response Matrix and Critical Task Implementation Steps that incorporate critical response tasks and implementation steps.

Scope

The Terrorism Protocol only addresses the coordination efforts expected of jurisdictions within the County of San Diego. It does not alter or supplant existing plans, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), roles and responsibilities listed under the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the San Diego Operational Area Emergency Plan, or the documents that direct the emergency actions of the individual jurisdictions. This Protocol is not intended to usurp the authority or prerogatives of local jurisdictions.

Readiness Condition Activities

The County OES has defined three phases of readiness conditions and a fourth phase of response actions that correlate with the Operational Area Emergency Plan and the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center activities and Standard Operating Procedures. The three readiness conditions are:

1. Preparedness
2. Increased Readiness
3. Alert

Response Actions

Response actions are the initial activities that occur for a terrorist attack within the county. These are used as a guide until the Incident Action Plan for the first operational period is developed and implemented.

Movement between readiness conditions may not be progressive as changing circumstances may require skipping to a more proactive readiness condition based on intelligence and actual events. Certain actions in the readiness conditions correlate to the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) Conditions. Additionally, the above phases can cross HSAS condition boundaries. The decision to initiate activities for the County OES within any of these readiness conditions will be made by the Director, OES, or his/her designee in response to conditions or intelligence within the Operational Area, the region, state and/or the nation. The actions in the readiness/response phases and related activities are described in the Terrorism Protocol.

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Terrorist Incident Emergency Protocol addresses actions to be taken during a response to a terrorism event. Activities are described for the three readiness phases as well as the initial response phase.

Each phase is related to the Homeland Security Advisory Levels and has specific intelligence and warning indicators and triggers. Different actions are defined for county and city governments.

The Protocol contains a matrix that outlines the roles of the multitude of agencies involved in a response to a terrorist attack. This helps to ensure a coordinated response among the different disciplines and provides an understanding of their roles and how they relate to the other responding agencies.

The final portion of the Protocol lists those Critical Tasks identified by the Department of Homeland Security. The tasks address the host of functions necessary for readiness postures to terrorist threats and for the initial response to attacks. Functions include investigation, detection, identification, health/hazard assessments; monitoring, sampling and surveying operations; alert and mobilization of EOC staff; protective actions, emergency public information; etc. The Protocol provides a detailed breakdown of the steps required for each task/function.